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SUBJECT: EC GRAIN SUPPLY-DEMAND UPDATE

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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPOUND FEED AND
FEED GRAIN IMPORT TRADE A COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S MOST RECENT
(NOV. 18) ESTIMATE OF THE EC GRAIN SUPPLY BALANCE FOR THE 1974/75
SEASON, AS FOLLOWS, WITH MEMBER STATE ESTIMATES IN PARENTHESES:

SOFT WHEAT	BARLEY	CORN
(-----MILLION TONS-----)		

BEGINNING STOCKS	5.7	1.4	2.9
PRODUCTION	41.0	34.4	14.4 (15.0)
IMPORTS	3.8 (4.2)	1.5 (1.7)	8.8 (10.9)
TOTAL SUPPLY	50.5 (50.9)	37.3 (37.5)	26.1 (28.8)
FARM USE	7.5	15.4	4.5 (4.3)
FEED USE	9.0 (7.4)	11.2 (10.7)	15.3 (16.8)

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OTHER INTERNAL USE 22.7 (21.8) 7.8 4.8 (5.1)

EXPORTS	7.0 (8.1)	1.0	0.7
ENDING STOCKS	4.3 (6.0)	1.9 (2.6)	0.8 (1.9)
TOTAL			
DISTRIBUTION	50.5 (50.8)	37.3 (37.5)	26.1 (28.8)

2. OUR SOURCE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH WERE MADE DURING THE DECEMBER 6 MEETING OF THE GRAINS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS PRESIDED OVER BY LEONDURANT, CHIEF OF THE COMMISSION'S GRAINS AND GRAINS PRODUCTS DIVISION:

--THE COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS FOR GRAINS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE MEMBER STATES IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIAL REQUEST BY THE COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUAL, TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION FOR CORN THIS YEAR;

--FRANCE REPORTEDLY TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT BAD WEATHER INTERFERED WITH ITS CORN HARVEST, RESULTING IN A DECLINE OF 70,000 HECTARES IN ITS CORN AREA HARVEST FROM THE EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 1.973 MILLION HECTARES. THE FRENCH CORN YIELD THEREFORE NOW IS ESTIMATED AT 44 INSTEAD OF 49.1 QUINTALS PER HECTARE, MAKING A TOTAL CORN HARVEST OF 8.36 MISSION TONS;

--ITALY'S CORN YIELD IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 43 QUINTALS PER HECTARE, DOWN FROM THE PREVIOUS ESTIMATE THIS YEAR OF 53.9 QUINTALS PER HECTARE. CONSEQUENTLY, ESTIMATED CORN PRODUCTION DECLINED FROM 4.86 TO 4.40 MILLION TONS;

--THE INDUSTRY HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO SHIFT FROM CORN TO WHEAT IN COMPOUND FEEDS. THE INDUSTRY DID NOT THINK THAT COMPOUND FEED PRODUCTION WOULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY AND ESTIMATED THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION AT ABOUT 35.4 MILLION TONS.

3. WE ARE AIR POUCHING TO NOVOTNY A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DATA, AND THE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS BY MEMBER STATES WHICH WERE THE BASIS FOR THE ABOVE TABLE. GREENWALD

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